

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2173 - HB 2258**

March 2, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a Local Education Agency (LEA) from suspending or expelling a student from school, if the student is enrolled in any of the grades pre-kindergarten through second, unless the student's behavior endangers the physical safety of other students or school personnel, as determined by the LEA's director of schools. Mandates that if the student is suspended for endangerment that the student not be suspended for more than three days.

Requires that the student be provided an opportunity for the student's anger, fear, or anxiety to subside and for the student's teacher, principal, school counselor, or school psychologist to have a conversation with the student and the student's parent or legal guardian concerning the student's behavior and any underlying issues that may have precipitated the student's behavior, before the student is suspended.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- LEAs can update any policies and comply with the counseling opportunities requirement within existing resources.
- No significant impact to state or local government operations.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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